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117 Nominated for Twenty-fifth Annual Governor's Arts Awards

(Phoenix-February 2006) Nominees for the twenty-fifth annual Governor's Arts Awards dinner came in unprecedented numbers this year from across the state of Arizona.

117 individuals, corporations, artists, arts educators and programs, and community organizations and projects were recognized by their peers for their outstanding contributions to the arts in Arizona.

A panel of judges, revealed after the winners are announced, will judge the nominations on the basis of their significance and magnitude, breadth of populations served, recognition received, and length of time and intensity dedicated to the arts.

The winners are announced at the Governor's Arts Awards Dinner, April 18, 2006, in a celebration presented by the Arizona Citizens for the Arts, the Arizona Commission on the Arts and the Office of the Governor. Winners are kept a secret until their names are read at the event.

The twenty-fifth annual Governor's Arts Awards Dinner is sponsored by the Arizona Lottery, with additional support provided by American Express, Wells Fargo Arizona, Chase, Blue Cross Blue Shield, the Arizona Republic, SRP and the Camelback Inn. Cox Communications is the video sponsor for the event. For tickets to the Governor's Arts Awards Dinner call 602-253-6535 or go to www.AzCitizensfortheArts.org/ArtsAwards.html.

All proceeds from the event will go toward advancing Arizona Citizens for the Arts' mission of increasing discussion and awareness of the importance and impact of the arts in achieving quality of life, educational excellence and economic health for all Arizonans and Arizona enterprises. For more information about Arizona Citizens for the Arts, go to www.AzCitizensfortheArts.org or call 602-253-6535.

The Arizona Commission on the Arts is the state arts agency and works to connect artists and communities. For more information on the Arizona Commission on the Arts, go to www.AzArts.gov or call 602-255-5882.

Artist Nominees-A living Arizona artist active in the field of literature, visual arts, performing arts, folk arts, architecture, design or film:

Ib Anderson
Michael Barnard
Michele Caballos
Childsplay Associate Artist Ensemble
Harry Clark
Simon Donovan
Barclay Goldsmith
George Hanson

Andy Clouse

H. Eugene Jones
Joella Mahoney
Kerry L. Marsala
Baruch Meir
Ed Mell
Brad Richter
Cynthia J. Rider
Deborah Salac-Ashforth
Sharon Seder Meko
Louise Serpa
Burney Starks
Kim Stratford
David Tineo
Barbara J. Trombley
Jim Waid
Jennifer White
Owen Williams

Individual Nominees-A living Arizona individual who has made a significant contribution to the support of the arts in Arizona:

Janet Arnold
Hal Bardach
Don Barselotti
Jean-Paul Bierny
Linda Cannon Farrar
Greta Skelly
Shelley Cohn
Jody Drake
Nancy Robb Dunst
Nan Ellin
Alberto Esparza
Gerry Fathauer
John Fontana
Guillaume Grenier-Marmet
Ralph Griswold
Lila and Joel Harnett
Peggy J. Hazard
David Hoyt Johnson
Colleen Jennings-Roggensack
Janice Johnson
Elena Kohn
Kimberly Lanning
Dina Lopez
Ernest McIntyre
Warren Miller
Hope Ozer
Herb Paine
Susan Peterson
David Tooker
Albert D. Tucci

H. Eugene Jones

Community Nominees-An Arizona organization such as a community or institution for an outstanding project in the arts (schools/school districts not eligible):

Arizona Arts Chorale
Arts for All, Inc.
Arts Renaissance Initiative Foundation
Chamber Music Plus
Chandler Center for the Arts
Desert Brushes
Lovena Ohi Foundation
Mesa Art League
Mesa Arts Center
Metro Youth Symphony, Inc.
Smoki Museum of American Indian Art & Culture
Spirit of the Senses Community Organization
The Virginia G. Piper Charitable Trust
Tucson Museum of Art
Valley Youth Theatre
West Valley Art Museum

Corporate Nominees-A business that has made a significant contribution to the support of the arts in the state (government agencies not eligible):

APS
Blue Cross Blue Shield of Arizona
DMB Inc.
Estrella Mountain Ranch
Target

Arts in Education Nominees-An Arizona individual or organization for an outstanding contribution to arts in education:

Dean Anderson	Arizona State Thespians
Michael Bailey	
Joan Bourque	
Michelle Ceballos	
Bonnie Dent	
Jocelyn Hanson	
Richard Hinshaw	
Tom Horne	
Faye Koerselman	
Pamela Krewson	
Larry Mabbitt	Francesca Mason
Sandie McCammon	
Mark and Carol Mellis	
Momentum Youth Arts	
Bruce Morganti	
Open Dance	
Phoenix Art Museum Docents	
Phoenix Office of Arts & Culture	
PLACE Music Academy	
Prescott College Arts & Letters Program	

Alan Prewitt
Robin Ray
Susan Raymond
Randall Schmidt
Lesa Schuur
Scottsdale Cultural Council
Sierra Vista Symphony Orchestra
Kelley Smith
Michael Solomonson
Susan Thompson
Utterback Magnet Middle School
Shirley Wagner
Larry Whitesell
J. Robert Wills
Yavapai College Community Events

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